

## **Testimony supporting HB 6305, Sustinet, February 14, 2011**

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Good morning ladies, gentlemen, legislators and general public. My name is Ganimedes Barrera, also known as Gani Barrera. I am an accountant with more than 20 years of experience in the accounting industry.

My headquarters are in Stamford, and in spite of all these years as an Entrepreneur, I cannot afford buying health insurance for my employees and I feel very uncomfortable when they talk about this issue. It affects me from the business stand point and, especially, from the human stand point. I wish I could provide them with the peace of mind of having health coverage out of what they could have better performance.

As to my personal life, my wife and I lost our health insurance because insurance premiums are too expensive, and as time goes by the premium increases more and more because of our age. Even if we could, deductibles are ridiculous to the point that to take advantage of the coverage we would need to be suffering of a terminal illness.....

However, I know that this situation is going to change because you helped us by approving this Law in 2009.

We helped you to be elected because we trust on your wisdom to legislate bearing in mind Americans' welfare. Now is your opportunity to demonstrate that we were not wrong when we voted for you....

Legislators remember .... Leadership is ACTION, not POSITION and YES WE CAN!